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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up State-run pharmaceutical research and education centres in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the estimated expenditure involved therein; and

(d) the criteria fixed to open these centres?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENT AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K.HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b) Realising the need for setting up of more NIPER like institutes in India a committee consisting of experts from NIPER was constituted by Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals. The Committee has submitted its report in January, 2006 and it had recommended for the setting up of NIPER like institutes in other parts of the country. The Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals has initiated action for setting up of more NIPERs or its Centres accordingly. However, no final decision has been taken in regard to their numbers and places by the Government.

(c) The expected expenditure on setting up of each NIPER as suggested by the Expert Committee is Rs.200 crores which also includes Rs.50 crores of recurring operating expenditure for first five years. This is being further examined by the Department in consultation with Planning Commission, Department of Expenditure and other various agencies.

(d) The Expert Committee has recommended the opening of new NIPERs based on status and need of pharma Industry, pharma education and other resources and also health care needs of the people at large in that area.